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Controversy continues at Wayne City Hall

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What appears to be a political game of musical chairs continues in the council chambers at Wayne City Hall following the resignations of two council members and the city attorney and the ongoing legal wrangling between the two mayoral candidates.

At the regular meeting last week, Councilman Ryan Gabriel resigned his position, just two months before it would expire. Gabriel refused any comment on his reasons for the resignation. He was first appointed to the council in November of 2015.

Two weeks ago, Councilman Tom Porter offered his resignation and delivered an impassioned speech from his place in the audience. Gabriel cast the only vote in favor of accepting Porter's resignation which was rejected by a vote of the other members of the council. Last week, Porter returned to his regular seat at the council table.

City attorney Breeda O'Leary-Brassfield also resigned from her position with the municipality. Despite a recommendation from 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack urging the council to continue with the current legal firm, the hiring of a new firm recommended by City Manager Lisa Nocerini was approved by a 4-2 vote of council last Tuesday.

The three resignations were apparently sparked by a recent independent report which suggested mismanagement and potential legal jeopardy in city hall. During his comments regarding his resignation, Porter was critical of the "leaking" of the report and soundly chastised whichever member of the council had made the findings of the independent investigator public. His sentiments were seconded by Councilman John Rhaesa, a current mayoral candidate who was highly critical of the dissemination of the report. Rhaesa, along with civic activist Robert Boertje and attorney Scott Ruark, were recently successful in having his

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Time travel

Heritage Festival celebrates Northville history

Northville will return to a bygone age when the community steps back in time Sept. 14, 15 and 16 during the annual Heritage Festival.

Formerly the Victorian Festival, the event continues to celebrate the history of the community. Organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the weekend begins with the traditional Victorian Parade at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Costumed participants will begin on Cady Street and walk to Wing up to West Main. They will walk down West Main to Linden and parade up to Dunlap to Center Street. They will walk back down Center Street to Cady where they will disperse.

There will be a program from third-grade Northville school students throughout town beginning at 9 a.m. and the Victorian Saloon, located at the corner of Cady and Wing streets will be open from 5:30 until 11 p.m. featuring the music of the Shawn Riley Band.

More than 20 non-profit booths will be open along East Main from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday and the Kids Zone with inflatables and rides will be open from 6 until 10 p.m.

Saturday will begin with the Northville Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast from 8 until 11 a.m. at the corner of Cady and Wing streets.

There will be a History Hike at Maybury State Park and the Maker Faire Car Show and Beer Tent will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at The Village Workshop, 455 East Cady St. behind the Northville Car Wash.

The craft market on North Center, the non-profit booths and the Kids' Zone will open at 11 a.m.

Free horse and carriage rides will be available from noon until 3 p.m. during the weekend traveling through historic Northville neighborhoods. Eclipse Vintage Baseball will take place at 1 p.m. at Ford Field.

Back to the 80s will take place in Town Square with an 80s tribute band from 5-7 p.m. Saturday along with a big hair contest and a photo exhibit of Northville in the 80s.

The daily stage entertainment during the weekend will include jugglers, puppets, comedy, magic and other performers both Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday will include a tent revival by the Northville Baptist Church at the corner

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Police arrest armed robber

Don Howard
Staff Writer

In what was described as a stunning investigative effort, Northville Township police working with the Michigan State Police and multiple local area police agencies arrested a 27-year-old suspect less than 24-hours after the armed robbery of the CVS store located at Five Mile and Sheldon roads Saturday night. Police report the suspect, a township resident, was arrested without incident in a township apartment complex at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

This was the second armed robbery of a CVS store in less than one week. On Sept. 4, the Northville Township CVS located at Six Mile and Haggerty road was robbed at about 10 p.m. by a masked gunman dressed in black and carrying what witnesses described as a long gun.

According to police reports, the latest robbery occurred Saturday night at the store located at 44300 Five Mile at 9:40 p.m. The suspect, wearing red and black clothing, a facemask, a hood and gloves produced a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. The store was open and no customers were inside at the time. There were no reported injuries.

Responding officers who arrived within minutes encountered the fleeing suspect and chased the man on foot into a wooded area where they lost sight of him. K-9 police dog units from Livonia and Novi were dispatched to offer assistance. In addition the Michigan State Police Aviation Unit provided an aerial search with a helicopter. Additional assistance from police agencies in Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton and Livonia all proved futile at that time.

Police say the suspect was seen a second time in the same area-hours later; this time he was shirtless. Again the participating area police agencies at the scene were

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Westland OK's $20 million in plans

Three new businesses will bring nearly $20 million in investment into Westland.

Members of the Westland City Council approved the new projects during the Sept. 5 regular meeting.

The site of the former Kmart on the southeast corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill roads will be renovated into a UHaul Smart Mobility Center. The site at 165 South Wayne Road has been vacant since Kmart closed the store in March of 2017.

Members of the city council approved a special land use and renovation permit for the proposed UHaul Smart Mobility Center at the 11.548-acre site which includes 435 feet of frontage on Wayne Road and 685 feet of frontage on Cherry Hill Road. The redevelopment of the site will include 101,517 square feet of climate controlled storage in the former Kmart building, a retail center in the former Kmart Auto Center building, as well as truck-share, car-share, bike share services and electrical vehicle charging stations. The project represents a $10 million investment into the current site location, according to city officials.

Council members also approved a proposed 27,799 square foot addition to the existing 11,550 square foot building that formerly housed Fire Mountain Restaurant, located at 34615 Warren Road in the city Shop and Dine District. The addition will allow the remodeling and renovation at the current building into a banquet facility. The 39,308 square foot building will be constructed with a brick exterior with burnished block accents, representing a $10 million investment, according to plans presented to the council members.

Also approved was the rezoning of vacant land located on the north side of Van Born Road, west of Inkster Road. The 1.45-acre site will be re-zoned for general commercial use to accommodate the construction of a 9,180 square foot commercial building for use as a Family Dollar store.

Canton - Plymouth

Warm welcome

Canton library strives for diversity

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Eva Davis was growing up in Canton Township, she would visit the Canton Public Library which was then on the third floor of the Township Administration Building.

"I was 8 when it opened," recalled Davis, who's been the Canton library director since 2008. "I just remember the shelves were so empty," as eager readers had cleared them out.

"The Canton library has been a popular library from the beginning," the Plymouth Township resident said, tipping her hat to the past Canton Township Board of Trustees for their foresight in library planning.

"They knew what they were doing. They planned it well," she said of the longtime large building south of the Administration Building which serves the growing township population and information needs.

"We are very lucky to have an educated and affluent community," said Davis, who earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master of science in information degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

"I put myself through undergrad working retail," the 1990 Canton High School graduate said. She later worked for the metro Detroit-based publishing firm of Gale, and was visiting public libraries with research teams.

"I realized being a public librarian brought together the good parts of retail and the good parts of research. I have a core group of people I work with every day. So it's a real nice sense of purpose and belonging to the community," she said.

She noted each public library director tailors the collections to those residents. That involves anticipating needs "and listen(ing) to what they're telling us. Buying international publications is quite a challenge."

The 90,000 or so Canton residents come from varied ethnic backgrounds, and she's particularly appreciative of the library partnership with the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council.

"They are a great group of dedicated volunteers," she said.

Library meeting rooms are offered for one-on-one tutoring with council volunteers, and there's a related book discussion group to help English as a second language learners.

The Canton library carries many foreign language books, newspapers, magazines and DVDs. The Asian and South Asian language publications are most popular with Canton library users, she said.

"And then we do have a robust Arabic speaking community" with those materials also available, Davis added.

She likes to walk around the large library on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill Road, especially the youth area. "This is very much an administrative job," she said, including meeting co-workers, patrons, and collaborative work with other library directors.

She noted patron interactions tend to be less pleasant, as those patrons have unresolved concerns to talk to her about: "Once a youth librarian, always a youth librarian," she said of those visits with eager children approaching her and other adults to talk.

"It's just nice to be the collection point for people," Davis said, describing the Canton library as a good microcosm of the larger community.

She has six supervisors on the Library Board and the many Canton residents she also listens to about concerns.

Eva Davis

"There's always a push and pull. Our energy and our money and our time is finite," she said of librarianship. It must "coalesce into a perfect moment where I can say 'yes' to that. So we do our best."

She and co-workers offer varied programs across ages and interests, with a Detroit Institute of Arts "Away" trailer visiting in July to share art knowledge. Davis said the librarians aren't afraid to try new ideas but also know some won't work locally.

"We are all part of something even larger than our communities," said Davis, noting Canton library patrons visit nearby libraries, too. She worked with Ishwar Laxminarayan, the new William P. Faust Public Library of Westland director, when he led the Jackson District Library.

"The collegiality among the library directors in southeast Michigan is strong," said Davis.

Grant funds improvements at First Step facility

The First Step office in Plymouth will soon see renovations and upgrades thanks to a $100,000 grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

The administrative and counseling offices of the organization, which provides support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, is located on Pinetree Drive in Plymouth.

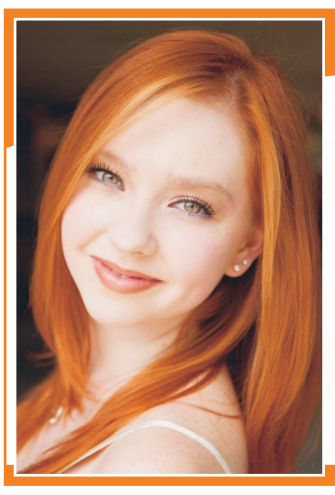
"Our Plymouth office and parking lot was in need of major safety repairs," said Lori Kitchen-Buschel, executive director of First Step. "We had a crumbling parking lot, holes in our roof and peeling paint. Frankly, the building was in disrepair with little chance of finding donors to help. The generous donation from the Margaret Dunning Foundation was used to replace our building's mansard roof and soffits, install a new asphalt parking lot, professionally paint the building's exterior, install new security doors and replace the aging heating and cooling systems. We also used the funds to dress up the building with vinyl trim around the windows and doors,

"We feel like we were the recipients of a reality show makeover and are thrilled with the results. Our building is safe, beautiful and comfortable with the exterior now matching the spirit of our work and, for that, we are very grateful."

For more information about First Step, go to www.firststep-mi.org or call (734) 722-6800.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist and civic booster. She was a major supporter of the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, MS. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster, along with car shows across the country.

Ms. Dunning died in 2013 at age 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information, go to www.margaretdunningfdn.org.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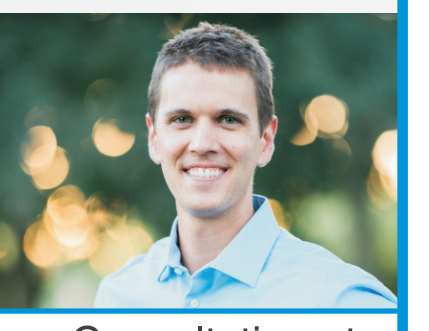
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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Romulus readies for annual Pumpkin Festival

The 21st Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival - the largest family celebration in the city - is set for Sept. 21-23 in downtown Romulus but those wishing to enter the several contests during the weekend need to act quickly.

Romulus residents can enter four contests during the Pumpkin Festival that involve food or growing plants. The contests will award ribbons for canning homemade foods (tomatoes, green beans, pickles and fruit), pie baking (pumpkin, sweet potato, peach and apple), pumpkin growing (largest pumpkin wins) and sunflower growing ("largest face" and "tallest"). Items must be submitted by 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins.

Pies must have a cellophane-type cover. Winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the hospitality tent.

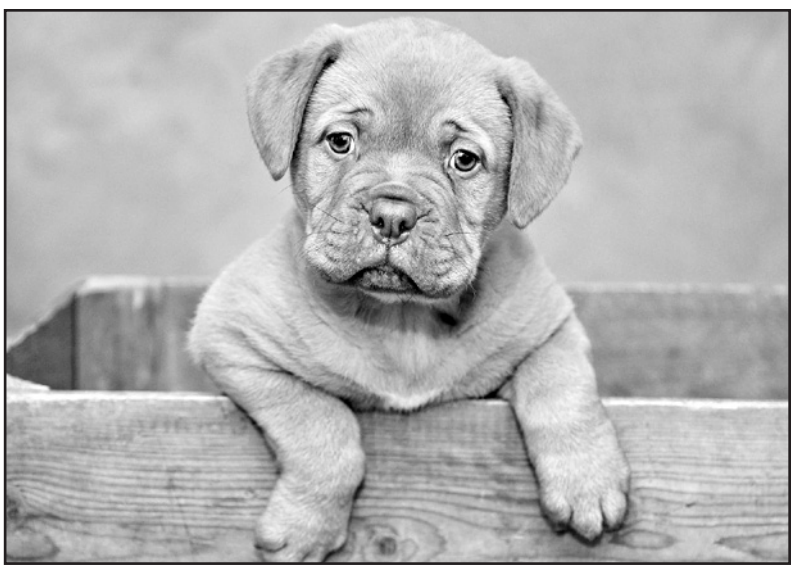
For the eighth year, the festival will include the Cutest Baby Contest. Entries are now being accepted in the form of baby photos, which will be on display in the hospitality tent throughout the Pumpkin Festival. Visitors can vote for the baby of their choice Sept. 21-23. Votes are $1 each.

The top two vote-getters among boys and girls will be declared the winners at 4 p.m. Sept. 23. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners and certificates will be presented to all participants.

The contest is open to children who are no older than 2 as of Sept. 21, 2018. Photos (either color or black and white) can be no larger than 5 by 7 inches. The child's name, contact information and address must be on the back of the photo. To enter the contest, fill out an entry form and drop off or mail the photo to: Cutest Baby Contest, Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Entries must be received by 4 p.m. Sept. 18. For more information, call (734) 955-4577.

And, for the third year, the festival will include the Cutest Pet Contest. Entries for this event are also being accepted. Entries in the form of pet photos, which, like the babies, will be on display in the hospitality tent throughout the Pumpkin Festival. Visitors can vote for the pet of their choice Sept. 21-23. Votes are $1 each. The top three pet vote-getters will be declared the winners at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. A gift card will be awarded to the winner and all participants will receive a certificate.

Entries must be received by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept.18. Entrants need to complete an entry form and submit the document and a photo no larger than 5 by 7 inches to Cutest Pet Contest at the address listed above. Photos must have the pet's name and contact information on the back. For more information, call (734) 955-4577.



And talented singers have only until Sept. 15 to enter the festival "Lip Sync Challenge" which is set for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, on the Freight House Stage at 11120 Hunt St. The challenge is open to the public, who will show off their lip sync skills to songs.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best lip sync and best overall performance. The contest is open to Romulus residents and students, who must register their song choice in advance by calling (734) 955-4531 by Sept. 15. Competitors may be singles or groups up to six people. There will be one judged song per performer or group. The contest will feature D.J. Jose as master of ceremonies.

Belleville Lions bringing Kidsight to library

The Belleville Area Lions Club members will provide Kidsight, a free vision screening test from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Belleville Area District Library.

KidSight, a Lions Club community service program, provides a simple, noninvasive and cost-free vision screening test performed on young children. It requires no medication or preparation and is painless, a spokesman noted.

"The test does require parental permission, we also have screen adults up to 99 years old," he added.

KidSight screens for Hyperopia or far-sightedness which is the difficulty seeing objects that are near. Untreated this can contribute to "crossing of the eyes" but can be corrected with glasses; Myopia or near-sightedness occurs when the eyes focus incorrectly, making distant objects appear blurred. It can be treated with glasses; Astigmatism, a condition in which the cornea has an abnormal curve causing out-of-focus vision; Anisometropia which can adversely affect the development of binocular vision in infants and children; Amblyopia or lazy eye, when the brain will often suppress the vision of the blurrier eye and Strabismus when the eyes are not directed to an object simultaneously. Sometimes the eyes deviate outward and sometimes inward.

Newborn hearing screening identifies most children born with a hearing loss. But in some cases, the hearing loss is caused by things like infections, trauma, and damaging noise levels, and the problem doesn't emerge until later in childhood.

The Lions Hearing Center, founded in 2000, is a non-profit that serves southeastern Michigan by helping the deaf and hard of hearing. The center provides hearing screening services to thousands of children and adults each year, provide affordable hearing aids to those in need, and help deaf children and their families find resources and support.

Also available will be representatives from the Michigan Mason Child ID Program. Michigan Masons believe that every child deserves to be safe.

The Michigan Child ID Program provides parents and guardians with a "Child ID Kit" that contains all the vital information necessary to expedite law enforcement efforts to locate a missing child. The program also helps to educate families about abduction prevention and safety.

The kit includes a photo ID card, color photo, digital fingerprints, recorded interview to capture speech characteristics, dental impressions, DNA sample and a complete Amber Alert profile.

Parking for the free testing will be available at Belleville First United Methodist Church on Charles Street.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 27, 2018

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-284 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 13, 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Roscoe. **Motion Carried**.

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

Councilman Wadsworth spoke about a seven year old boy who sold lemonade and donated the proceeds to the Animal Shelter.

18-285 4A. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a resolution to recognize the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Norma and Willie Cofield. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, Jan Lemmon, spoke about the Charles Cawetzka Medal of Honor Recipient Ceremony which took place in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Mayor Burcroff thanked Julie Wojtylko for filling in for him at the last Council meeting. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-286 5A. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Grant Recipient Agreement with the Play Everywhere Challenge provided by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and organized by KaBOOM, Inc. The grant awarded in the amount of $66,000 will upgrade the Boice Parkway with interactive play equipment and update the walking path. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

18-287 5B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the reallocation of the Wayne County Parks and Recreation Grant awards for fiscal years 15/16 in the amount of $25,314 and fiscal years 16/17 in the amount of $25,104 and authorize the use of the funds for projects at the tot lot on Beverly Road between 4th Street and Carnegie, as well as the Boice Parkway between Chamberlain and Columbus Street. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-288 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and approve the proposed Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Romulus and Wayne County for the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds. Term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-289 5D. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and approve to increase the current contracted amount with George W. Auch Company for the project by an additional $292,020 for all the subcontracted trade work ($268,750) and testing, allowances, reimbursable general conditions, and any contingency for unforeseen conditions (additional $23,270) for the new 34th District Court elevator. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-290 5E. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into Contract Modification No. 5 for the Vining and Ecorse Road Construction Project with Dan's Excavating in the amount of (minus) $-4,408.75. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-291 5F. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize acceptance of the FEMA AFG (Assistance to Firefighter Grants) FY 2017 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, and a cost match in the amount of $1,166.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-292 5G. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a revised contract with ONSolve for the CODE RED Emergency Notification System with an annual flat rate of $7000 per year, with Council's approval, the contract will renew on an annual basis. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-293 5H. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a two-year contract extension for professional services with Ritter GIS until October 1, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-294 5I. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase to obtain the MRX Data Collector and Belt Clip Transceivers required to read the City's meters in the amount of $21,505.00 from Ferguson Waterworks, and recognize Ferguson Waterworks as a sole source vendor for Neptune Meter reading equipment, software, and meters until such time that the City no longer uses Neptune Meters or until Ferguson Waterworks is no longer the sole source vendor. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-295 5J. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize approval for the fiscal year 2017/2018 encumbrances for capital outlay purchases and various City projects in the amount of $6,700,358.90 to be rolled over into the FY 2018/2019 budget and paid accordingly. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

18-296 5K. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and Library Board to introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-04 to move donations received in the 17/18 fiscal year (in assigned fund balance) to the Donations Budget to supplement FY 18/19 purchases.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Library Fund				
Fund Balance				
271-000-393.271	Assigned Fund Balance-Donations	1,936.47	(1,936.47)	-
Expenditures				
271-790-955.006	Miscellaneous/Donations	1,100.00	1,936.47	3,036.47

To move donations received in the 17/18 fiscal year (in assigned fund balance) to the Donations budget to supplement FY 18/19 purchases. Approved by Library Board 08/20/18, request City Council concurrence. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-297 5L. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-05 to reallocate the Assigned Fund Balance (for funds originally budgeted in the 17/18 17/18 but not used) into the 18/19 fiscal year for the purpose of recognizing expenses relative to the parking improvements with the new 34th District Court facility.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Fund Balance				
101-000-393.401	Assigned Fund Balance Court Construction	120,000.00	(120,000.00)	-
Expenditures				
101-265-970.000	Building & Grounds Capital Outlay	45,000.00	120,000.00	165,000.00
Library Fund				
Fund Balance				
271-000-393-401	Assigned Fund Balance Court Construction	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-
Expenditures				
271-790-970.000	Capital Outlay	8,000.00	50,000.00	58,000.00

To reallocate the Assigned Fund Balance (for funds originally budgeted in 17/18 but not used) into the 18/19 fiscal year for the purpose of recognizing expenses relative to the parking lot improvements with the new 34th District Court facility. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

18-298 5M. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-06 to reallocate funding from FY 17/18 Budget to FY 18/19 Budget. This amendment is to account for the balance of bond proceeds received and anticipated project costs for the new 34th District Court facility.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Court Building Construction Fund				
Fund Balance				
401-000-390.000	Fund Balance	16,186,510.60	(11,922,231.44)	4,264,279.16
Expense				
401-000-980.001	Project Costs	1,749,365.00	11,922,231.44	13.671.506.44

To reallocate funding from FY17/18 Budget to FY18/19 Budget. This amendment is to account for the balance of bond proceeds received and anticipated project costs for the new 34th District Court facility. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-299 5N. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-07 to cover the cost of attorney fees for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority District.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority				
Expense				
247-000-817.000	Brownfield Redev. Attorney Fees	-	5,000	5,000
Fund Balance				
247-000-390.000	Brownfield Redev. Fund Balance	31,162	(5,000)	26,162

To cover the cost of attorney fees for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority District. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-300 5O. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-08 to recognize the Play Everywhere Challenge Grant revenue and corresponding expense.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenue				
101-751-588.000	Play Everywhere Challenge Grant	-	66,000	66,000
Expense				
101-751-970.751	Capital Outlay – Recreation Grant	-	66,000	66,000

To recognize the Play Everywhere Challenge Grant revenue and corresponding expense. Note: This has no effect on the General Fund's fund balance. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

6A. Clerk's Report

18-301 6A1. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-03, and Notice of Emergency Repair – Romulus Senior Center HVAC Unit which was introduced at the Council meeting of August 13, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave a brief overview of the City Quarterly Investment Report that she presented in detail at the special meeting held earlier this evening.

7. Public Comment

A citizen asked for clarity on Agenda Item 5B.

8. Unfinished Business

Community Outreach Director, Jazmine Danci, explained Agenda Item 5B. Councilwoman Williams asked Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Krause, for an update on the new fire truck purchase.

9. New Business

Councilwoman Williams inquired if the City has made all necessary monetary cuts which would include employee raises/bonuses.

10. Communication

Councilwoman Talley gave a brief overview of the many "back-to-school" events that took place in the City of Romulus over the past weekend.

18 302 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-16 in the amount of $1,980,546.16. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 27, 2018.

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Wayne - Westland

Charities benefit from Blues, Brews & Barbecue

Sixteen community organizations in Westland will be receiving $20,000 in contributions this year from the Blues, Brews and Barbecue event that took place this summer.

Mayor William R. Wild said that this "puts the total funds raised for community organizations at over $200,000 to date in the eight years of the event."

The checks were presented to the representatives from the various volunteer organizations at the regular meeting of the Westland City Council last week.

"I want to thank all of our volunteers, the participating restaurants, our sponsors and the performers for another remarkable event," said Wild. "This signature event continues to grow and with the addition of fireworks, draws thousands of people from surrounding communities. We wouldn't be able to pull it all off without the help of our amazing civic group volunteers"

The 16 community organizations who received donations from the event include: Inspire Theater, John Glenn Cheer, Norwayne Community, Norwayne Boxing Club, St. John's Church, Warm Hearts, Westland Civitans, Westland Community Foundation, Westland Democratic Club, Westland Goodfellows, Westland Grange, Westland Historical Commission, Westland Area Jaycees, Westland Lions Club, Westland Police Explorers, Westland Rotary, Westland Youth Assistance and the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

"The money awarded to the Westland Area Jaycees goes directly back to making an impact within the three cities they serve - Wayne, Garden City and Westland," commented Jaycee President Rebecca Markonni. "From raking leaves for seniors, to putting a Christmas gift in the hands of over 100 children that would have gone without, the Westland Area Jaycees are here to serve our community."

To receive the funds, these local organizations provided the volunteer manpower at the event. Volunteers from the organizations served as greeters, grounds crew, and ID checkers, among a variety of other roles in an effort to cost effectively operate the annual event, Wild explained.

"Being able to hand out the checks is my favorite part," commented Westland Chamber of Commerce CEO Brookellen Swope. "I always love seeing our civic groups and being able to hand them money instead of asking them for something is a great feeling.

"We are blessed in our community to have so many great organizations and volunteers. This community event would not be possible without all of these wonderful people," she said.

Festival attractions included some of the best Barbecue vendors in the state, Wild said, and crowds packed the house to enjoy the performances of Blues legends during the event.

Conflict

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political opponent, Christopher Sanders, removed from the November ballot by Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Columbo, Jr. on the basis of unpaid campaign fees and penalties dating back to a 2013. Sanders had noted in a handwritten correction on his filing form that his fees were unpaid. The judge ruled that this "disfacement" did not absolve Sanders from the fee obligation and ordered his name removed from the ballot, leaving Rhaesa as the only choice of voters for mayor. Current Mayor Susan Rowe opted not to seek re-election.

In response to the court ruling removing him from the ballot, Sanders sent a complaint to Wayne County Clerk Kathy Garrett Aug. 30, demanding that Rhaesa be removed from the ballot and claiming that "he (Rhaesa) violated Michigan Election Law in filing his Campaign Finance Compliance Statement and attestation section of the Affidavit of Identity."

Garrett notified Sanders last week that she could not remove Rhaesa's name as her office did not have the investigative powers to determine the truth or falsity of candidate's affirmations. She did, however, note in a Sept. 6 communication to Sanders that she would forward his complaint to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office for investigation of the allegations of fraud.

Sanders claims that Rhaesa affixed his signature to the affidavit signifying that he was current in both his campaign fillings and fines owed to the county. Sanders said that Wayne County Elections Division records indicate that this statement is untrue, false and fraudulent and at the date of the signing Rhaesa still owed fees. "As such, Mr. Rhaesa is in direct violation of MCL168.558 (4) which makes his candidacy invalid," Sanders claimed.

Rhaesa reportedly became current on the fees days after signing the affidavit.

Sanders said last week that the political campaign for mayor between himself and Rhaesa had become a "personal vendetta" against him by Rhaesa. He said his criticism of the current city manager, who is supported by Rhaesa, is a motivating factor. Rhaesa, identified in the 105-page independent report only as "a council member," was mentioned as a contributing factor in specific situations impacting effective management in city hall for which the investigator suggested council take immediate corrective action up to termination of the city manager.

Rhaesa said that he was satisfied with Columbo's ruling and that his goal was "to continue to move the city forward."

Scarecrow entries still sought

Wayne Main Street is welcoming Scarecrows back to downtown Wayne this month.

Now through Sept. 24, community members will be able to register to participate in the annual Scarecrow Show. Anyone interested in participating can download an entry form at downtownwayne.org/scarecrows or by registering in person at the Wayne Historical Museum (One Town Square, Wayne). The entry fee this year is $20 or $15 for returning participants who already have a frame.

Scarecrows will be on display throughout downtown from Sept. 29 through Nov. 3. Residents are encouraged to visit each of the more than 70 installations, while exploring historic downtown Wayne. Residents and visitors will also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite scarecrows. Wayne Main Street will host a Voting Contest & Reception in Derby's Alley at 34924 W. Michigan Ave., from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17. The event will feature live music as well as donuts and cider from the Dexter Cider Mill. The 2018 Scarecrow Contest winners will be announced at this event.

The Scarecrow Show was launched by Wayne Main Street in 2013 and has become a signature event for downtown Wayne.

Annually this project draws thousands of visitors to downtown Wayne to view the 70 some scarecrows installed throughout the commercial district of the city.

Infant massage classes offered

The Westland Public Library will host a free, five-week series of infant massage classes from 6-7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 27. The series will take place at the library and is presented by a certified infant massage educator in cooperation with Starfish Family Services.

The classes are designed for pre-crawling infants and their caregivers. Expectant parents are welcome to join as well. Parents will learn gentle and loving ways to comfort, relieve gas, deepen sleep, and stimulate brain development in infants.

For questions or to register, contact Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call (734) 326-6123, ext. 2847.

Limited space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and participants are asked to attend all five sessions.

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Correction

A photo accompanying a story in the Aug. 30 edition of The Eagle was misidentified as Ved Muthusamy, 14, of Northville who a bronze medal overall, in the middle school division, at the recently concluded International Geography Bee World Championships in Berlin, Germany.

The son of Muthu Sivansantha and Viji Velayuthan, will be entering Northville High School this year. He was the Geography Bee champion at Hillside Middle School in both his seventh and eighth grade years. His parents noted that they are extremely proud of their son's hard work and that he studied passionately for the competition.

The Eagle regrets any confusion the error may have caused.

Star power

Inkster native stars in new movie

Rogers Park, a full-length feature film which stars Inkster native Antoine McKay, will be shown Wednesday evening, Sept. 26 at the State Wayne Phoenix Theatre in a benefit for the Champions of Wayne Memorial High School.

Rogers Park debuted at the Chicago International Film Festival.

McKay grew up in Inkster and also graduated from Wayne Memorial before heading to Eastern Michigan University. From there, McKay performed on Second City main stages in Detroit and Chicago before appearing on television shows such as ER (NBC), Prison Break and Empire (FOX).

Rogers Park, named after the Rogers Park neighborhood in Chicago, follows two middle-aged couples as they navigate a complex, dramatic, and sometimes humorous year in one of the most culturally diverse areas in the Windy City. Notoriety for Rogers Park includes a New York Times "Critic's Pick," a 100 percent Fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, and an Official Selection at the 2017 Chicago International Film Festival.

Rogers Park is rated R (intense adult situations, sexual content, drug use) and attendance is strictly limited to those over 17 unless accompanied by parent or guardian. A separate admission ticket will be required.

Antoine McKay

Champions of Wayne, which has combined mentoring, incentives, and goal-setting to bolster culture and achievement at Wayne Memorial for nearly a decade, has a track record of academic success. Beginning as a grassroots program in 2009 with a trophy and a #2 pencil, Champions of Wayne has grown to a robust 501c3 nonprofit and serves as a beacon to other schools in the state.

To purchase tickets for this event, visit www.championsofwayne.org.

Robber

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unsuccessful in apprehending the suspect.

Todd Mutchler, Northville Township public safety director, said many pieces of evidence were recovered in the ongoing multi-jurisdictional investigation. He said the suspect's method of operation is similar to the CVS robbery last week and is believed to be related to other armed robberies in the area.

Mutchler said charges would be determined following completion of a full investigation. He asked if area residents could review their home surveillance recording for any suspicious related to the incident and contact the Northville Police if anything is found.

"Our team did some great police work on this case," Mutchler said Sunday.

He added that no additional information, including the name of the suspect, would be released until the Wayne County Prosecutor made a charging decision in the investigation.

Color My World run Saturday

Members of Color My World, a club at Northville High School, hope to make an impact on the more than 2,000 students at the school with a community-focused 5K color run/fun walk this Saturday, in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

The Color My World Color Run/Walk will begin with check-in at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville. The run/walk will start at approximately 11 a.m. and the event continues until approximately 1 p.m.

The run, complete with color powder to reinforce the club name, will route through the adjacent Woodlands North subdivision and end at the high school track. The entry fee is $25 and includes a race t-shirt, color powder during the race, food, refreshments and music. Registration is online at https://colormyworld.redpodium.com/color-my-world-color-run

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Calendar of events

Grief seminars planned

A grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church, now known as 5 Points Church, in Romulus at 6 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 20. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13-video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A $15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church at (734) 941.1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.

Library hosts dragons and unicorns

The Plymouth District Library will host dragon and unicorn lovers of all ages from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The magical celebration will include a 15-minute story time for younger children while all ages can enjoy a treasure hunt through downtown Plymouth and choose the path of the unicorn or the path of the dragon.

Costumes are encouraged.

There will be a photo booth, snacks, crafts and games from noon until 1 p.m.. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Plymouth hosts Shred Day

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a shred day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Sept. 15, or until trucks are filled at the Plymouth Township Hall parking lot, 9955 North Haggerty Road.

Paper to be shredded is limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can, however, make multiple trips throughout the morning. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

Residents participating must also provide proof of city or township residency which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill, or property tax bill.

For more information, email the City at shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us, or Sarah Visel at svisel@plymouthtwp.org.

Diamond of Community to be honored

The Wayne Commission on Aging has chosen the recipient of the 24th Annual / 2018 Diamond of the Community, Patt Hartford.

A dinner in her honor will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Tickets are priced at $15 per person and are available at Wayne City Hall and the Senior Services Office. Checks should be made out to the City of Wayne.

For more information or special arrangements for tickets, call (734)721-7460.

Dance Bunnies classes available

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer two dance classes designed for children ages 3-5. Ballet is an 8-week class from 4-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 13. Hip Hoppers is also an 8-week class from 4:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 18 through Nov. 13. Both classes will take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Cost for each class is $108 for City of Plymouth residents and $123 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Zumba Bunnies class set

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a Zumba class designed for children ages 5-7. Zumba Bunnies is an 8-week class from 6-6:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 17 through Nov. 6 or from 6:30-7 p.m. for ages 8-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Zumba Bunnies is a unique program with a fast paced environment and constant flow of music.

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Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Town hall millage meeting

A fire and police public safety millage town hall meeting is planned for Romulus residents beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Barth Elementary School cafeteria.

The school is located at 38207 Barth St. in Romulus.

Membership, volunteers drive set

The Belleville Area Historical Society will host a special membership and volunteer drive from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District.

Entertainment will be provided by Joe and Rose Kennedy impersonators and will answer questions about all things Camelot. Salad, pizza and assorted refreshments will be provided during the evening which is an effort to increase membership, raise awareness of the museum and elevate volunteer participation, according to organizers.

The $20 admission fee will be waived for those who sign up for a new membership in the museum as well as for existing members who bring in a new member. There is no fee for those who sign up as a volunteer for the museum.

Veteran's Health Summit set

A Veteran's Health Summit is planned from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sept. 20 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

This is the 9th Annual Veterans' Summit which brings experts together with veterans in need of understanding the benefits for which they may be eligible. Topics this year will include an update on the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Medical Center; a state veterans update; information regarding the veterans home for southeast Michigan; ways to maximize veterans health care; veterans health and medical cannabis and an update on disability benefits.

Veteran specialists will also be on hand to address special needs. Representatives of the Veterans Administration the Michigan Veterans Association and counselors from Wayne County will answer questions.

Veterans and guests must register for the free event at: www.eventbrite.com/ e/9th-annual-veterans-health-summit-tickets.

Police host Movie Night

The Inkster Police Department will host a free Movie Nights beginning at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 in the parking lot of the Inkster police Department, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster.

The movie to be shown is Trolls.

The movie will be shown outside so guests should dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket on which to sit.

Citizens of all ages are welcome. In the event of rain, the movie will be rescheduled to October.

Community Baby Shower planned

A Community Baby Shower is planned from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Trinity Episcopal Church.

The speakers for the event will be Hilary Hitte from First Step and the Rev. Markita Primm.

The church is located at 11575 Belleville Road just south of I-94 Service Drive. Refreshments will be served.

This is a free event open to the public.

For more information about shower needs for infants and toddler contact M. Caldwell at mariancaldwell@yahoo.com.

Theatre classes being offered

Inspire School of Theatre Arts is offering Taking the Stage Theatre Classes for students ages 7-15 for 10 weeks, Sept. 22 through Dec. 8.

The cost for the 10-week program, divided into age categories, is $175.

To register or for more information, access Inspire@inspiretheatre.com or call (734)751-7057.

Westland Center for the Arts is located at 33455 Warren Road inWestland.

Romulus hosts Health Fair

The City of Romulus will host a free Health Fair from 1- a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road in Romulus.

The fair is open to people of all ages.

Flue shots, Shingles vaccinations, free screenings, blood pressure checks, blood sugar screenings and other health screenings will be available

There will also be raffles and prizes.

To pre-register for inoculations or for more information, call (734) 955-4120.

Inkster hosts "Car'nival

A display of fuel injected classic cars and motorcycles is set for 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Inkster Road in Inkster.

For more information about the event, call (313)400-5387.

Firefighters plan Meet and Greet

A public safety Meet and Greet is set for 5:30 until 7:30 Sept. 27 in the Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Tickets for event are $25 and include two drink tickets and food.

There will be a static display of public safety equipment, photos with fire trucks and police cars available, a raffle for a ride in the bucket of the ladder truck, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle during the evening.

Citywide garage sales set

The City of Romulus annual fall Free City Wide Garage Yard Sales will take place from Sept 27 through 30 this year.

Residents wishing to have a sale with no permit fee should register in the office of the city clerk no later than Friday, Sept. 21 to be included in the newspaper publication of garage sale sites.

For more information, call (734) 942-7540.

Church hosts craft show, festival

St. John's Episcopal Church will host a Fall Festival and Craft Show from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

The craft show will be open only until 4 p.m.

There will also be a bounce house, beer tent, food, bake sale and silent auction and live entertainment from 2-10 p.m.

The church is located at 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-5023

Diabetes cooking workshop set

A six-week workshop includes interactive sessions presented by trained culinary and nutrition instructors. Hands-on presentations demonstrate the link between nutrition and health, the affordability of healthy eating, healthy meal planning and cooking tips.

Free groceries and cookbooks are included to practice new skills at home. Registration is limited to one workshop and is open to adults who have not previously enrolled in a Cooking Matters course. The workshop is free. To register, visit beaumont.org/classes-events or call 1-800-633-7377.

Festival

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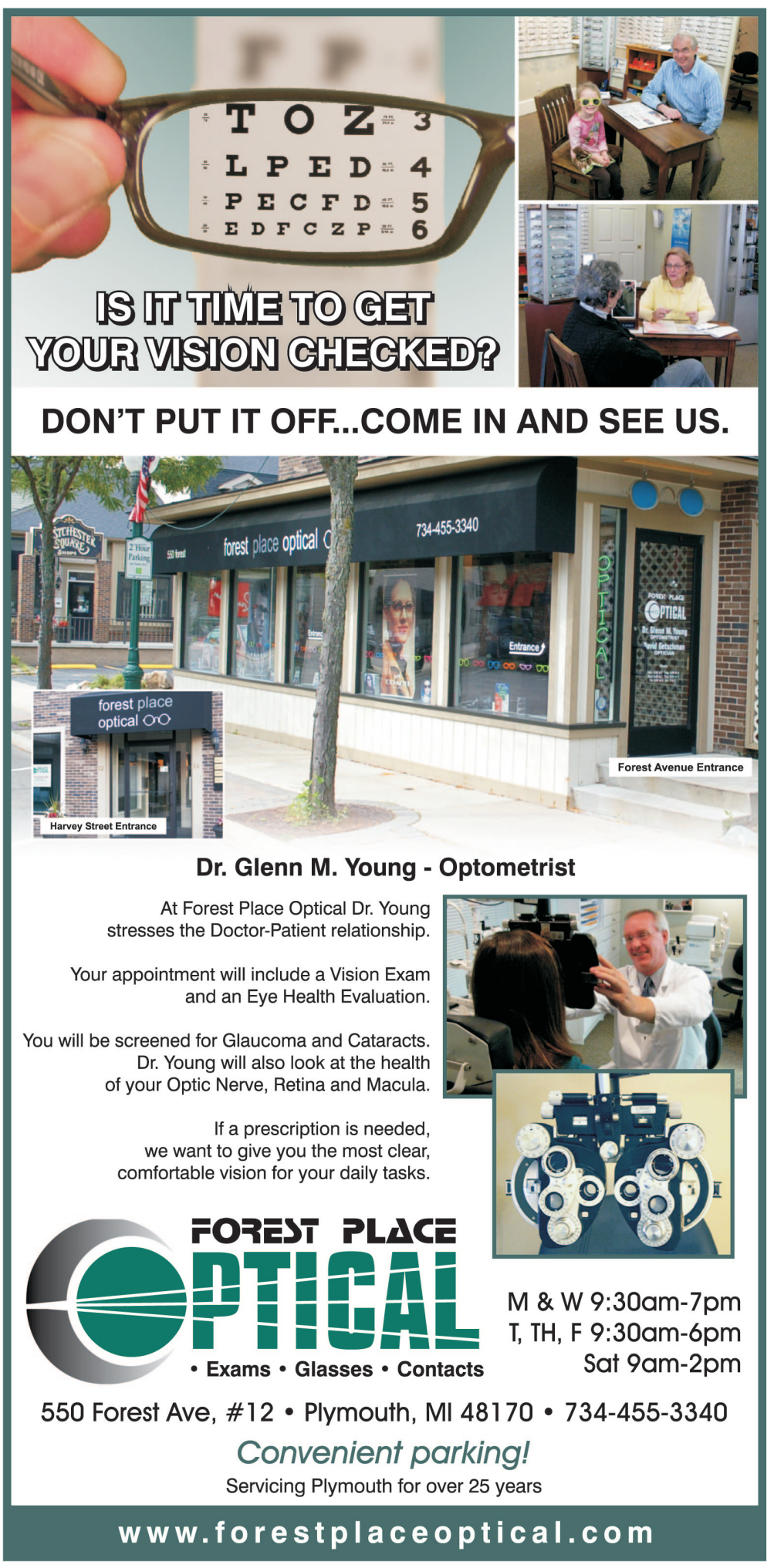
of Wing and Cady streets. The craft market, booths, Kids Zone, Children's Pedal Cars and horse and carriage rides will continue along with Farmer John Barnyard Express petting farm from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday.

There will be a variety of events at Mill Race Village from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. Sunday including the traditional duck race and another Eclipse Vintage Baseball game at 1 p.m. at Ford Field.

The presenting sponsor of the event is Dick Scott Automotive Group. A complete schedule of Heritage Festival activities is available at www.northville-heritagefest.com.

Hours this year are 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. Different events and programs may have specific hours during the festival weekend.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